

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
determining a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call of a wireless telephone;
transmitting the determined first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description to the wireless telephone for display ~~of the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description~~ on a display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call; and
transmitting a warning message to the wireless telephone for display on the display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call when ~~in response to the~~ in-progress telephone call ~~exceeding~~ exceeds at least one subscriber-set threshold condition of a billing plan.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call of the wireless telephone; and
transmitting the determined second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description for display of the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description on the display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate are simultaneously displayed by the display of the wireless telephone.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description comprises:

transmitting data indicating the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description from a remote node to the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) A wireless telephone comprising:

a receiver to receive a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call;

a display to display the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description during the in-progress telephone call; and

the display to display a warning message during the in-progress telephone call ~~received in response to~~ when the in-progress telephone call ~~exceeding~~ exceeds at least one subscriber-set threshold condition of a billing plan.

10. (Previously presented) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the display is further to display a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate during the in-progress telephone call.

11. (Previously presented) The wireless telephone of claim 10 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

12. (Original) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously presented) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the display is to simultaneously display the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate. canceled

15. – 22. (Cancelled).

23. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a message generator to determine a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call of a wireless telephone, and to generate a first message having data that indicates the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description to the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call; and

a wireless service provider to transmit the first message to the wireless telephone for display of the first message ~~real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description~~ during the in-progress telephone call, wherein the first message includes a warning message when the in-progress telephone call exceeds at least one subscriber-set threshold condition of a billing plan; ~~and the first message having a warning message when the in-progress telephone call exceeds at least one subscriber-set threshold condition of a billing plan.~~

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein:

the message generator is further to determine a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call of the wireless telephone, and to generate a second message having data that indicates the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description; and

the wireless service provider is further to transmit the second message to the wireless telephone for display of the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description during the in-progress telephone call.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the message generator is further to generate a message indicating a number of days remaining in a billing period.

28. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving at a wireless telephone a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call via the wireless telephone;
displaying the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description on a display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call;~~and~~
receiving at the wireless telephone a warning message for display on the wireless telephone ~~in response to when~~ the in-progress telephone call ~~exceeding~~ exceeds at least one subscriber-set threshold condition of a billing plan[[]]; and displaying the warning message on a display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate are concurrently displayed by the display of the wireless telephone.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28 further comprising:

receiving at the wireless telephone a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call via the wireless telephone;
and
displaying the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description on the display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.